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REVERSE STRAND OF A NEW UBIQUITOUSLY
EXPRESSED GENE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 3-7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 20, 23, 24, 26-28, 31-34, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, 51-53, 55, 63 and 64 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of
- (a) a nucleic acid molecule which codes for a RUR-1 sense-encoded or a RUR-1 antisense-encoded polypeptide and which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, ~~and~~ ^{← S}
 - 2. [(b) deletions, additions and substitutions of the nucleic acid molecules of (a), which code for a RUR-1 sense-encoded or a RUR-1 antisense-encoded polypeptide,]
 - [(c)] (b) nucleic acid molecules that differ from the nucleic acid molecules of (a) [or (b)] in codon sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, and
 - [(d)] (c) complements of (a) and (b) [, (b) and (c)].

- 2.(amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises [the] a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, the coding region of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:4 and the coding region of SEQ ID NO:4.